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SUBJECT: FRENCH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINED, AND A MINOR POLITICAL FLURRY ENSUED. END SUMMARY.
2. IN OCTOBER, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTERED ITS SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DECLINE FROM 1,157,700 TO 1,100,200. THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF REGISTERED JOB-SEEKERS, HOWEVER, ROSE SLIGHTLY FROM 1,175,100 TO 1,205,783.
3. THIS GOOD NEWS WAS MADE USE OF BY THE GOVERNMENT. SPEAKING IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, LABOR MINISTER BEULLAC REFERRED TO THE INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVING BEEN SLOWED DOWN IN SEPTEMBER, AND NEARLY STOPPED IN OCTOBER. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, AGAINST MAKING ANY HASTY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT LONG-TERM TRENDS ON THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES; AND OUTLINED THE SEVEN BROAD LINES OF APPROACH HIS MINISTRY WAS ADOPTING TO DEAL WITH THE EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN THE MIDDLE AND LONG TERM. THESE ARE:

(A) AID FOR THOSE SECTORS IN DIFFICULTY,
PARTICULARLY STEEL;

(B) SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING FIRMS AND FOR
THE GROWTH OF THE EMPLOYMENT-GENERATING
SECTORS;

(C) IMPROVING THE MEANS OF TRANSITION BETWEEN
SCHOOL AND WORK;

(D) MAINTAINING SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND
SKILLED WHITE COLLAR WORKERS;

(E) INTEGRATING PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYING THE
HANDICAPPED WITHIN THE OVERALL POLICIES;

(F) DEVELOPING A BETTER WAY OF COORDINATING JOB
OFFERS AND SEEKERS;

(G) IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE (ANPE).

4. DURING THE SAME SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY, STATE
SECRETARY LEGENDRE GAVE AN ACCOUNTING OF THE VARIOUS
TRAINING PROGRAMS ACTIVE IN FRANCE TODAY, NOTING THAT
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IN 1976 ONE WORKER IN SIX HAD RECEIVED VOCATIONAL
TRAINING; AND STATE SECRETARY STOLERU STATED THAT

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FRANCE'S POLICIES WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN WORKERS HAD TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGED LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, BUT WOULD IN ANY CASE TAKE HUMAN RIGHTS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT (SEE PARIS 31077).

5. THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS WERE ATTACKED BOTH BY OPPOSITION SPEAKERS IN THE ASSEMBLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE PRESS FOR BEING MISLEADING. IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS ALLEGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS TO INSURE THAT ONLY THE GENUINELY UNEMPLOYED ARE LISTED ON THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE'S ROLLS WERE REALLY BEING USED TO ARTIFICIALLY REDUCE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (SEE PARIS 30957 AND 25437).

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT INDEED HAS BEEN TIGHTENING UP THE WAY IN WHICH THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE COMPILED, THAT WOULD NOT EXPLAIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO SUCCESSIVE, SHARP MONTHLY DECLINES IN THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES. THOSE DECLINES MAY BE THE RESULT OF DEFECTS IN THE STATISTICAL SYSTEM BEING USED, AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE. GAMMMON

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